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ON Tuesday the 7th of April, about Noon, after I came Home from walking, I was a little uneasy to find my Wife loose and unlac'd, and her Cap tumbled, in a very indecent Manner: She had been so before, which I at divers Times had represented to her, made me uneasy, and begg'd that for my Satisfaction she would never be in such a Dishabille; but she gave no Regard to any Thing I said.

In the Evening, as I was walking in the Parlour, it being Dusk, and having no

Light, and the Parlour over-look'd the Kitchen where there was Light, my Wife and Maid could not ſee me, as I could them: I overheard the Maid ſay to her Miſtreſs, Mr. Y——g asked me how you did; ſhe in anſwer to the Maid, told her, ſhe had ſeen him, and gave her in Charge not to mention a Word of it; juſt at that Inſtant the Maid perceived me, and gave her Miſtreſs a Wink. Mrs. Jones turned pale, and ſeem'd to be much frightened, and ſtaid ſome ſmall Time longer to recover herſelf, and then came into the Parlour where I was. I naturally was a little alarmed, as to the Manner I found her in in the Morning, and the giving her Maid Charge not to mention any Thing of this Gentleman Mr. Y——g; I accoſted her about what I had overheard; ſhe ſeemed to be a good deal confounded when I taxed her with it, but ſhe turned it off; and ſaid ſhe only bid the Maid clean the Candleſticks. Immediately I called the Maid, and found both in the ſame Story; as I was conſcious to myſelf they told me a Falſity, and my Wife behaving for a conſiderable Time before, more cooly than uſual, and ſlighting my Requeſt as to her Dreſs; I fell into a Paſſion, and it came to the Height, to tell her to go out of Doors;

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the Maid and ſhe accordingly did, and went to an intimate Acqaintance, one Mrs. F—d, and lay there.

The Wedneſday following ſeveral of Mr. Jones's Acqaintance, and mine, came with an intent to reconcile us again, and deſired I would go and fetch her Home. I declined going that Night, but at the ſame Time ſaid, if ſhe would come home, I would be ſatisfied; however they ſaid, Mrs. Jones was ſo ill ſhe could not come Home; when they told me that, I went directly to ſee Mrs. Jones, but juſt at the Door of the Houſe where Mrs. Jones was, I found Mrs. F---d and one S—— H——s, a Gentleman Attorney, talking very intently; I went in to Mrs. Jones, but found her not like what ſhe was repreſented; they perſuaded me to ſtay at the Houſe that Night; I declined it, and asked if Mrs. Jones would go home with me; ſhe made Excuſes, and ſaid ſhe could not, and that I might lie there; however I took my Leave and went Home that Night.

On the Thurſday following, in the Forenoon, as Mrs. Jones and I had propoſed going to London for ſome Time before, I took a Walk to the Dock, to enquire if any Veſſels was bound to London. I was told by H——y J——s, there were

two Tranſports waiting only for Orders; after I had been inform'd of the Tranſports, I being warm and thirſty with my Walk, I went into one S——n's, who keeps a Publick Houſe, and called for a Mug of Beer and a Stake; they brought me the Beer immediately, but it was full half an Hour before the Stake came; I eat very little of it; as I was more thirſty than hungry, I drank moſt part of the Beer up; accordingly when I had done, I came down Stairs, in order to pay my Reckoning, and to walk Home.

After I had pay'd the Woman of the Houſe what ſhe demanded, ſhe fell to abuſing me all to nought, and call'd me ſeveral vulgar Names, for what Reaſon I cannot tell, for I never changed a Word with her before in my Life; by the Time I had got a Quarter of a Mile in my Way Home, I was ſeized with a violent Reaching, and thought I ſhould have died; after I had done Reaching, I was pretty well, and got Home, and from my own Houſe went to ſee Mrs. Jones, and acquainted her of the Treatment of the Woman, and of my Reaching after eating the Beef Stakes, Mrs. F——d, being preſent when I ſpoke of it, gave my Wife a Wink. However I took no Notice of it; but conſidering the abrupt Abuſe of the Woman after I had

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paid her, and being taken in the Manner repreſented above, I began to ſuſpect ſomething bad was attempted againſt me.

In the Evening, at my Requeſt, Mrs. Jones conſented to go home with me, and Mrs. F——d and her Daughter came with us; and my Wife likewiſe ſent for her Neighbour Mrs. F——r, who is very intimate with her, they were together about an Hour or two, and then took their leaves and went home, and we went to Bed; about One o'Clock in the Morning I was very thirſty, I got up, and took my Sword in the Scabbard under my Arm, but told my Wife my Intent before I got out of Bed; as the other Accident happened, of the Beef Stake, and the Woman's Behaviour as mentioned above, had a little alarmed me; for if there was an Attempt in one Shape, it might likewiſe be made in another.

After I had been down Stairs, and quench'd my Thirſt, coming into the Bedchamber, with the Sword in the Scabbard under my Arm, in the ſame Poſition I went down, Mrs. Jones of a ſudden raiſed herſelf up in the Bed, and ſaid, What are you going to murder me? I was ſhock'd at the Expreſſion, laid the Sword down, and went into Bed, and taxed my Wife with her

Behaviour,

Behaviour, in being ſurprized and apprehenſive of my being guilty of ſuch a horrid Crime; when I never attempted any Thing of Violence to her, or any Woman in my Life; ſhe made no Reply in Anſwer, and behaved with the greateſt Coolneſs poſſible.

About Nine o'Clock we got up and breakfaſted, and after Breakfaſt, I walked out with an Intent to make Affidavit that I was apprehenſive there was ſome Body had a Deſign againſt my Life; the Mayor objected againſt it, as I mentioned no particular Perſon, but I'll leave you and all the World to judge from my Wife's Proceeding after I came from the Mayor's, if I had not Reaſon to ſuſpect her, which I never did till I was taken in Cuſtody; for I came directly Home and told Mrs. Jones I had been before the Mayor, very innocently, and that he would not take my Oath.

Immediately Mrs. Jones ſeem'd to be ſurpriz'd, and as I went out to take a Walk, in the Interim my Wife lock'd up all the Drawers where my Linen was, that I could not get one Shirt more than I had on; being apprehenſive I ſhould go to London, and acquaint her Friends of her Behaviour, and goes and ſwears the Peace againſt

againſt me ; and when I came home, I was complimented with two Conſtables, to wait on Mr. Mayor, not knowing what 'twas for, little thinking ever to meet with the barbarous Treatment you'll find hereafter.

In my Walk before mention'd I bought a Pair of Pocket-Piſtols, and loaded them, as I intended to ſet out that very Day for London; when I was before Mr. Mayor, he being a Man in great Power, and being nor over and above polite, and cholerick withal, damn'd me, and ask'd me, if I was not going on the Highway ; though every body that I have the Honour of being acquainted with, knows, I never was brought up to any ſuch way of Life, but much more like a Gentleman than his Worſhip.

Whilſt I was before him and the Town Clerk, and the Town Clerk's Clerk, I offered any Sum of Money for Bail, till I returned from London, or to be reconciled to my Wife, and deſired to ſee her, and if we could not agree together, to allow what is reaſonable for a ſeparate Maintenance.

In ſhort, out of ſo many People of extreme good Circumſtances of my Acquaintance, who were Cap in Hand the Day before, I could get no Bail nor Bond for me; and I will defy any one Man in Plymouth to ſay any thing in Prejudice of my Character; ſo that in ſhort, a Man not to get Bail nor Bond for ſo trifling a Thing as my Wife ſwearing the Peace againſt me, it appears to be a Plot, or more properly a Conſpiracy againſt me, which I perceived the Moment I came before his Worſhip; for I told him, if we could not be reconciled, I would allow, as I mentioned before, a ſeparate Maintenance; but he damn'd me ſoftly, and thought better not to conſent to it, in order I ſhould go through the Diſcipline that was intended, which you'll find to be a little ſevere.

After my Wife had ſworn the Peace againſt me, which was falſly, I was taken into Cuſtody, and conducted to a Place of Regalement, the Mitre Tavern, from thence to my own Houſe.

As Mrs. Jones was at Mr. F——'s oppoſite, I begg'd to ſpeak with her; one of Mr. F——r's Daughters made Anſwer, ſhe could not be ſpoke with. I deſired it very ſtre-

ſtrenuouſly; as I was conſcious ſhe wrong'd me in what ſhe had done.

As I was under Cuſtody, I begg'd to go to the moſt publick Part of the Town, to acquaint the World of the illegal Proceedings againſt me; they refuſed me; but however, I was determin'd, if I could any ways, to get to the Coffee-houſe upon the Parade, commonly call'd the Quay; I attempted it, and made a Chace from the two Conſtables; and in the Road out ſtarts the Town Clerk, without Hat or Wig, half ſhav'd, in order to ſtop me; but I arrived at my deſired Port, which was the Coffee-houſe; and it happen'd there was no Company, to my great Diſappointment; ſo I was conducted to the Town-Hall; and as I ſhew'd myſelf as publick at the Window as I could, they dragg'd me by Violence into the Common Goal with Iron Grates to look out of.

There was I thrown by Violence upon my Bed, kept there two or three Minutes, till I grew light-headed; and when that went off, I was ſwelled much, and my Limbs grew ſtiff; I went to Bed ſome time after, and ſlept, and was pretty well next Morning.

It being Monday, Market-Day at Plymouth, I call'd out of the Iron Grates, as well as I could, to inform the People of my Caſe; when they found that the People heard me, they ſhut to a Shutter of a lower Place, where the greateſt Felon always had Acceſs to communicate to his Acquaintance what he had to ſay; but I was deprived of that Liberty: They, conſcious to themſelves, they had committed what was illegal; therefore was apprehenſive of its being diſcovered.

Notwithſtanding, having pretty good Lungs, and calling out pretty often, and they finding the People heard me, in the Evening they took me by Violence, the Method they always proceeded in, and carry'd me away to the White Tower, vulgarly call'd Whitehall, at Stonehouſe.

There I was bound Hand and Foot to the Floor, and bled in my Arms and Legs by Force, and bliſter'd, when I thank God I was ſenſible as any body, had as good an Appetite as any body, but dare not eat and drink till I was almoſt ſtarved; and then with great Caution, becauſe I deſired ſeveral times they would eat what they recommended to me; they always excuſed themſelves, and ſaid they put it by for me; were very preſſing for me

me to eat white Meats, and Broth, and Water-gruel; when, God knows, I could with a greater Guſt eat a Piece of Surloin of Beef, if I had been amongſt Friends that had no Deſign upon me.

When firſt I was conducted to this Place, and they found I would not eat and drink juſt what they would have me; the Fellows intimated as much to me, as not to deny, that I was to be ſtrangled; and I had Night-Caps put on me with ſtrong Bobbin that was lay'd through the Cap and under my Chin, with a Bow at the Top of it. One of the Fellows made an Attempt two or three times; but I kept my Shirt Collar unbutton'd for ſome time, that there might be no Marks of my Shirt Collar; ſo that if they had put that Deſign in Execution, it might poſſibly have been diſcovered.

By this time my Beard was grown very long, and they wanted nothing ſo much as to have me ſhaved; but I ſtood out, as I did in every thing elſe; however, all they accompliſh'd was by Violence.

When I firſt came to the Houſe, I attempted to get at the Window to alarm People, if I could, of the Treatment I

lay under, and cut my Hands prodigiouſly, Sinews and all through: But who would mind a cut Hand, if he could diſcover this Treatment, and ſave his Life? My Hands was cut in ſuch a Manner, it would take ſome little time to heal them; but, conſidering, they cured them very ſoon.

When my Hands was well, my Beard was a conſiderable length; and they were vaſtly preſſing to have that long Beard off; and at laſt told me I muſt, and threatened me about it; but I continued ſtedfaſt it ſhould not, for if they could have had it off without cutting me, I ſuppoſe their Deſign would not have been executed; they laid divers Schemes to deprive me of it; for if they had ſtrangled or ſmothered me, having ſuch a long Beard, would appeared odd to any body that would have deſired to ſee my Corpſe; ſo I may venture to ſay, by cutting my Hands, and letting my Beard grow, it has preſerved my Life.

I have omitted one Circumſtance, which is, the Moment I was dreſs'd, they took my Money, and what things of Value I had about me, and gave to this Mr. J—s Y—g; and he employ'd his Tenants in the Houſe, and one P—p H—s, who had

had been a Servant in the Family many Years, and he in particular diſciplined me with a Horſewhip as I lay, whenever I called out for any body to hear me. There were four belonging to the Rope-Yard, of which this J——s Y——g is Clerk, and he excuſed two one Day, and two another, from the King's Work, to look after me, which you will ſay is very kind; but however, the Fellows did not ſcruple to ſay, If he makes a Noiſe, Maſter ordered us to flog him heartily.

And even Mrs. Jones denied me Money to buy a Pint of Beer, though I begg'd like one for an Alms. Small Beer they would let me have; but as I drank ſome of their Small Beer ſome Time before, and it heated me, and made me partly light-headed, I never would have it after.

The Fellows Names that look'd after me were J——n T——e, P——p H——s, A——r D——s, and one H——s, Tenants and Creatures of this J——s Y——g; for the Fellows always called him Maſter, and Maſter ordered this and that.

In this Manner I lay for ſix Weeks and five Days; but Part of the Time I was bound up, that I had not a Motion for

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twelve or fourteen Days, and could not make Urine but Drop by Drop, and that not without great Straining; and my Skin was ſhrivel'd and parch'd prodigiouſly, and I believe the Cauſe of this was the Drinking of Green Tea, which I drank pretty frequently at firſt, but was determined to refrain from drinking any more latterly; ſo I eat nothing but Bread and Water, and grew much better, and had a Stool every Day regularly.

Thus was I brought to Death's Door, that I did not expect to live above a Day or two; ſo that what little Money I had reſerved to myſelf, about 800l. excluſive of 1000l. I added to my Wife's Fortune in Marriage, I gave away at my Death.

And it is Providence that has ſaved my Life, and ſtood my Friend hitherto, and I hope will bring this Villainy to Light.

They always took Care that no Perſon ſhould ever come near me, but whom they thought proper; ſo that I can bring no Evidences to prove this at a Trial.

Being ſo weak and low, I deſired my Wife to leave me to die at this Place, as the beſt Friend I had in the World was interred there, which was my Aunt, that I might

I might be buried by her. No, my Wife ſaid, ſhe muſt go to London, whether I would or no; but ſhe could not do that with any Decency, in the Condition I lay: therefore, when a Veſſel was got ready for Coming to London, I was taken out of my Bed by Violence, put into a Boat, and carry'd on board the Veſſel, and ſo brought up to Beal's Wharf. There I ſent for one Mr. N—ſh, who is one of the Truſtees for my Wife, not knowing that he knew any thing of this Affair. He came, and I was rejoiced to ſee him, thinking, as he was a Gentleman in good Circumſtances, that my Repreſentation to him would make him deteſt the Proceedings of my Wife: But I found, that during my Confinement, ſhe had repreſented to this Mr. N—ſh, and all her Friends, that I was mad.

By this Means her Plot ſo far got the better of me, that Numbers imagined me to be mad: However, I got ſhaved when Mr. Naſh came, and came upon the Deck of the Veſſel and ſhewed myſelf.

However, Mr. N—ſh had hired a Hackney Coach to carry me to a Houſe two Miles beyond Hackney. I declined going to that Part, as I knew no Perſon thereabouts, and deſired to come on Shore ſome-

ſomewhere at Weſtminſter, where I might have an Opportunity of ſeeing ſome of my Acquaintance, that they might judge whether I was mad or not.

As Mr. N—ſh had got a Coach to carry me to this Lodging, two Miles beyond Hackney, I told him, I ſhould be glad, if he had a ſpare Bed, to be lodged at his Houſe; he excuſed himſelf: Then I propoſed going to Mr. W——n's, to which he alſo made Excuſes. In ſhort, he was preſſing for me to go to this Place.

However, I thought I ſhould get myſelf righted in this populous City, if I could but get to any Place where I was known; accordingly, I called a Wherry, to go on Shore at Weſtminſter; but was prevented.

In the Interim, Capt. C——M——ſh came on board, and young B——y belonging to the Cuſtom-houſe; and Capt. C——ſh talk'd to Mr. N—ſh warmly in my Behalf; but Mr. N—ſh called Capt. C——ſh aſide; what he told him I don't know, but he came into Mr. N—ſh's Sentiments; but I reſolutely refuſed, and deſired to come to Weſtminſter.

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At laſt, with a great deal of conſulting, they agreed I ſhould go aſhore, and they lodged me at Bright's Coffee-houſe; and this Mr. N——ſh put Fellows over me in Charge as a Madman; tho' at the ſame time he acknowledged I talk'd as reaſonable as any Perſon.

The Fellows that watched over me did it with great Care and Circumſpection; for, about an Hour after I was in Bed, they ſtood with the Door in their Hands upon the jar all Night; and when I was quiet, they attempted to come into my Room, but when I moved, or made the leſt Stir, fell back into the other Room, as they communicated.

I got up in the Morning, as I fruſtrated their Deſign in the Night, and ſeemed to take no Notice of it, and ſtray'd to Mr. L——e's, Apothecary in Tothill-ſtreet, and told him of my Uſage, and he ſeem'd to be concern'd, and ſaid it was very cruel; and adviſed me to go to the reſt of my Acquaintances, and let them likewiſe know it. I went, but they happening to be out of Town, I was diſappointed.

I was determined not to lie at the Coffee-houſe any more, as the Bed being

not fit for a Gentleman, and the Fellows Behaviour. I was denied Lodging in the City, becauſe I was cried up there as mad, and was obliged to ſtay as late at the Coffee-houſes as the People cared to ſit up; and when they were diſpoſed to go to Bed, I was obliged to walk the Streets. One Night I lay in a Cart; at laſt I went to a Houſe at Weſtminſter, at one S——d's, Beadle of Queen's Square Chappel, as I had lodged there before, and I ſuppoſing had not heard of this Impoſition on me, they let me have Lodgings, and I continued in them till Mrs. Jones coming to the Houſe, had got them in her Intereſt, after ſeveral Attempts of poiſoning me, and divers Fellows following me from Houſe to Houſe where I go for Suſtenance, and likewiſe am afraid of being out after Dark, for fear of being aſſaſſinated.

One Sunday three Ruffians, as I was coming out of my Lodgings to go to Church, ſeiz'd and diſarm'd me by Violence, and they had partly put a mad Habit on me; but calling out to allarm the Neighbourhood, I was reſcued from theſe Villains, and carried before Juſtice Manley, and a Mittamus made out for them, and they carried to the Gate-houſe. Since I have taken a Lodging here

here at the Sign of the Ship, one Mr. Clement's at the Yorkſhire Warehouſe by Old Round-Court, and being a more publick Place than I was at before, thought myſelf more ſafe; but as I have been here, this is the ſecond Day, I told my Landlord and Landlady, as I have been attempted in divers Shapes, I did not approve of any Body being admitted up to me, neither gentle nor ſimple, but if any Body wants of me, I'll talk to them in Publick; and as my Wife's Friends, and the People that are concern'd in this Affair againſt me, are People of good Circumſtance, they ſpare no Money that this Villany may not come to Light. However, there has been a Gentleman that was partly at the reſcuing me from theſe Villains, which came to my Chamber and knock'd, but I deſir'd to be excuſed, and ſaid my Caſe was ſo deſperate, that whoever chuſes to talk with me, it muſt be in a very publick Place, as there has been no Artifice but what has been made uſe of; and I'm afraid ſince I have been ſo cautious of what I eat and drink, ſo as to diſappoint them of that, I have too much Reaſon to ſuſpect being aſſaſſinated in ſome Shape or other.

I therefore humbly beg that whatever hands this ſhall come to, which I ſhall take

take care to give it to ſome Perſons of Figure and Credit, that they would be pleaſed to make this as publick as poſſible. Therefore after reading of this, if they ſhould hear of any Accident happning to me, would contribute all in their Power to puniſh the Aſſaſſins, as this Proceeding is againſt all Law and Reaſon; and the Attempt made upon me is parallel to the French Marquis ſome Time ago. And as I am an Officer in his Majeſty's Service at Sea, and ſtand alone without any ſincere Friend but common Juſtice, I am obliged to make my Caſe in this Diſtreſs as publick as poſſible. And as I have ſettled a Thouſand Pounds upon my Wife, beſides her own Fortune, and her Truſtee deprives me of receiving my Moneys through the Virtue of a Power I left him while in the Country, which is this Mr. N——h, at the S——n and H——e, near M——r's C--pp--l, L——n Dr——p——r; and he (finding I have a little Money by me to live on for a little Time,) with my Wife and her Friends, will not ſcruple at any Rate to have me put out of the Way, for fear theſe Villanies ſhould come to Light, and to enjoy all I have, which, including every Thing, is between 5 or 6000l. I have offered after all her ill Uſage, any Thing that is reaſonable

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